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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the above-identified application.

On October 30, 2003, a Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Since no response from the Examiner in charge of the application was received, Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner on December 9, 2003. The Examiner indicated that the Reply had not been received by the Examiner. A copy of the Reply was faxed to the Examiner on December 9 and 10, 2003. No response was received from the Examiner. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 3, 2004.

A duplicate copy of the present Status Inquiry is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the duplicate copy be marked appropriately to indicate the status of the above-identified

application and returned to Kecia J. Reynolds, Reg. No. 47,021 as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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